

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1667  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties contend that the current punishment for promotion of prostitution is not enough of a deterrent to human traffickers and does not reflect the seriousness of the crime. H.B. 1667 seeks to address this issue by increasing certain penalties for promotion of prostitution.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill expressly does one or more of the following: creates a criminal offense, increases the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or changes the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1667 amends the Penal Code to increase the penalty for promotion of prostitution from a Class A misdemeanor to a state jail felony. The bill increases the penalty enhancement for a subsequent conviction of the offense from a state jail felony to a third degree felony.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2017.